

Utility  
Patent Application  
Transmittal

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket Number

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Title

A Surgical Retractor Platform Blade  
Apparatus

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

ADDRESS TO:

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1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. ☒ Specification  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)

Total  
Pages

68

- Descriptive title of the invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claims(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113)

Total  
Sheets

34

5. Oath or Declaration

Total  
Pages

2

a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)

b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))

- i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)

6. ☒ Application Data Sheet, See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer  
Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)

a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)

b. Specification Sequence Listing on:

- i. ☐ CD-Rom or CD-R (2 copies); or  
ii. ☐ Paper

c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents(s))

10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  
(when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney

11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. ☐ Information Disclosure  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS  
Citations

13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment

14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(should be specifically itemized)

15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i).  
Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent

17. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment,  
or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: 09/305,811

Prior Application Information:

Examiner

Hirsch, P.

Group Art Unit: 3732

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

Fee Calculation

CLAIMS AS FILED

For	#Filed	# Allowed	#Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	19	20	0	x	\$0.00
Indep. Claims	2	3	0	x	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					
TOTAL CLAIM FEES					\$710.00
BASIC FILING FEE					
OTHER FEE (specify purpose) _____					
TOTAL					\$710.00

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19. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.

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